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Bally Technologies to Pay \$175,000 in Settlement with Arizona Department of Gaming

(Phoenix) – The Arizona Department of Gaming has reached an agreement with Bally Technologies, Inc., one of the world's leading manufacturers of electronic gaming devices to continue operating as a licensed vendor in their jurisdiction. The settlement resolves an issue of software for electronic gaming devices sent by the manufacturer to casinos without conforming to the protocols of the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts.

"A comprehensive regulatory structure ensures the integrity of all authorized gaming operations," said Mark Brnovich, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. "Vendors serving our Tribal partners will always be held to the highest standards of quality and integrity."

The proceedings began on February 10, 2010, when Arizona officials issued a letter of intent to suspend state certification issued to Bally Technologies. The Department cited concerns over their failure to provide the Department with advanced notice of shipments of gaming device software to Arizona casinos and shipping software directly to casino operation employees instead of to appropriate authorities at the Tribal Gaming Offices. Arizona regulators kept all of this software from reaching the gaming floors before verifying its compliance. Representatives of Bally agreed to pay the largest fine in Arizona history for a gaming device manufacturer.

"Beyond the civil penalty, Bally is instituting the necessary internal procedures to avoid further breaches of protocol," added Brnovich. "We are satisfied in the resolution of this issue and the confirmation that our safeguards blocked any software from reaching the gaming public prior to certification."

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, contact Rick Medina, Policy and Communications Manager of the Arizona Department of Gaming at (602) 604-1801, ext. 206.